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THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE SENT ACTION TO SECSTATE INFO MTN GENEVA
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PASS AGRICULTURE AND STR: MILAN PASS AMBASSADOR GREENWALD

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SUBJECT: MTN: AGRICULTURE GROUP MEETING OF MAY 8

REF: STATE 106014 (NOTAL)

1. CHARGE AND MISSION OFFICERS MET WITH PIZZUIT AND OTHER
COMMISSION OFFICIALS AT OPENING OF BUSINESS MAY 7 TO CARRY
OUT THE INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTEL. (RABOT IS DEPARTING WITH
LARDINOIS FOR EGYPT.) WE SAID TO PIZZUTI THAT OUR ACCEPT-
ANCE OF THE TEXT CONTAINED IN EC BRUSSELS 4022 DEPENDED ON
HIS CONFIRMING THE INTERPRETATION SET FORTH IN PARA 1 OF
REFTEL. WE ALSO REEMPHASIZED THE US UNDERSTANDING THAT THE
WORK TO BE PURSUED IN THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL AIMS
AT THE NEGOTIATION OF A COORDINATED SYSTEM OF NATIONAL GRAIN
RESERVES.

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2. PIZZUIT, IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST POINT, NOTED THAT PARA TWO OF THE TEXT FOR THE CHAIRMAN'S SUMMING UP WAS EXPECTED IN STATING THAT QUESTIONS OF A GENERAL CHARACTER AFFECTING AGRICULTURE CAN BE TAKEN UP IN OTHER GROUPS, AS THE US IS AWARE, THE EC VIEWS THE COMMODITY SURGROUPS AS NEGOTIATING GROUPS AND DOES NOT WANT ACTIVITY IN OTHER BODIES TO EMPTY THESE GROUPS OF THIS CONTENT. HE EXPLICITLY CONFIRMED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS EC ATTITUDE DOES NOT IMPLY A VETO IF OTHERS WISH TO RAISE TARIFF OR NON-TARIFF AGRICULTURAL MEASURES ELSEWHERE. SIMONET, OF THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT, POINTED OUT THAT THE SHIFTING FORWARD IN THE TEXT OF WHAT IS NOW PARA TWO HAD THE PURPOSE OF CLARIFYING THE POINT THAT THE CONTENT OF PARA TWO CONDITIONS PARA FOUR.

3. REGARDING THE GRAINS RESERVE ISSUE, PIZZUTI SAID THAT HE TOOK NOTE OF THE US POSITION. THE COMMUNITY POSITION IS THAT THE LONDON MEETING HAS A MANDATE GIVEN BY THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL; THE COMMUNITY INTENDS TO "PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY" IN THE LONDON WORK IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THIS MANDATE; THE COMMUNITY, FOR ITS PART, DOES NOT FEEL THAT AN AGREEMENT ON GRAIN RESERVES CAN STAND ALONE, HOWEVER,

4. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, WE EXPRESSED AGREEMENT ON THE TEXT, WE ALSO INFORMED PIZZUTI THAT THE US REP IN GENEVA HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CONVEY THE SAME US UNDERSTANDING PRIVATELY TO THE EC AND OTHER DELS. PIZZUTI SAW NO PROBLEM BUT HOPED THAT BOTH SIDES WOULD (A) REFUSE ANY CHANGES IN THE TEXT BY THIRD PARTIES AND (B) AVOID ANY SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENTS IN THE MAY MEETING SINCE THESE COULD SPARK COUNTERPRODUCTIVE EXCHANGES. MYERSON
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